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If the currency question is to be satisfactorily solved, the simplest way is undoubtedly to get China placed on a gold standard. The ills that afflict China and the trade with China are largely traceable to the fluctuating silver currency. The Chinese Government have not hitherto felt the pinch to so great an extent as to induce them to seek any remedy for the evil, but now that the indemnity due to the Foreign Powers has to be paid they are made to see how grievously a declining medium of exchange may press upon the nation wedded to its use. If the *Mainichi Shimbun* is correctly informed, Count Lamsdorff, the Russian Foreign Secretary, has been giving good advice to the Chinese Minister at St. Petersburg. He not only pressed home the advisability of China adopting a gold standard, but insisted that no alternative was possible if China is to be delivered from the financial difficulties under which she is suffering. He was also kind enough to intimate that Russia was prepared to assist China with the necessary capital by issuing gold bonds. Whether it is practicable for China to adopt a gold standard we are not now prepared to argue. She has no gold to constitute a reserve, and if she purchased it in the manner suggested she would have to pay a high price for it. Neither are we prepared to dogmatise much as to what is best for her. If she possessed the energy of the Western States and was administered by enterprising and clean-handed officials it is possible that a silver currency would work for her benefit as a producer, as the enjoyment of cheap labour and boundless stores of raw material would enable her to compete in the world's markets for most kinds of

products and many staple manufactures to great advantage. But as her ruling class are all tarred so heavily with corruption that it has become ingrained, it is to be feared that the possession of natural resources and cheap labour are advantages thrown away on China.

Whether or not China yields to the voice of the charmer and embraces gold as her standard, she has at any rate solemnly covenanted to create a national coinage. This is provided for by Article II of the Commercial Treaty with Great Britain, negotiated by Sir James Mackay, which reads as follows:—"China agrees to take the necessary steps to provide for a uniform national coinage, which should be legal tender in payment of all duties, taxes, and other obligations throughout the Empire by British as well as Chinese subjects." As China is thus bound by Treaty to provide a coinage without delay, it will be well for her Government to consider, without further waste of time, in what way she shall meet the stipulation. It would naturally be a great relief to Hongkong if she declared for gold, for that would not only smooth all difficulties from the path of this Colony, but almost necessitate the same change here. Would it not be worth while, therefore, for the colonists to consider the policy of addressing the British Imperial Government suggesting that Great Britain should throw the full weight of her influence into the scale and join in inducing the Chinese Government to follow the example of Japan and adopt a gold standard? It is apparent that China will soon be the last refuge of the white metal, and in the not unlikely contingency of Mexico some day placing her currency on the same basis as that of her great neighbour the United States, this event would actually come to pass. It is for this Colony and all foreigners engaged in trade with China, therefore, to take action in good time. We are drifting steadily from depression to disaster; it is vital to our safety that we should pull up before we reach the brink. The critical moment has arrived. The Straits Settlements are agitating for relief from the incubus of silver, and if they succeed in their efforts, the situation in Hongkong and China will be greatly intensified. Now, therefore, is the hour for action. Whatever doubts may be entertained by some timid or cautious souls as to the policy of Hongkong taking the plunge alone, there are, we imagine, none who would not welcome the change to a fixed standard if it were effected simultaneously in the Colony and in China. Assuming that on this point at least there would be unanimity we must suggest that steps be at once taken to petition the Imperial Government to urge upon the Government of Peking to take immediate steps to establish a gold currency. Also to suggest that Great Britain should lend all the assistance possible by securing the co-operation of the Powers and by floating a gold loan to China for the purpose.

A Chinese woman fell from the roof of a house in Wing Kut Street yesterday morning, and was killed.

The circumstances of the recent attempted burglary at the Diocesan School will be investigated at the Magistrate's this morning.

A fire occurred in Kowloon City yesterday afternoon, involving the destruction of two Chinese houses. The exact nature of the damage is not yet known.

Yesterday, at the Police Court, a coolie was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour for attempting to steal a brass "secure" rod, value \$15, from H.M.S. *Ocean*.

Various articles of jewelry and clothing left at the City Hall on the occasion of S. George's Ball may be had on application to the hon. secretary, Mr. E. W. Mitchell.

Another successful bio-scope entertainment was given in the Theatre Royal last night to a good house. A complete change of programme is advertised for to-night, and no time should be lost in viewing the pictures, which are worth seeing.

A variety entertainment in aid of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Institute, will be given in the Theatre Royal on Thursday evening next. It includes an assault-at-arms by the crews of H.M.S.S. *Albatross* and *Ocean* and conjuring and acrobatic performances.

The Hague International Arbitration Tribunal has delivered judgment in the dispute between Russia and the United States on the question of the Bohring Sea Fisheries. The award is entirely in favour of the United States, and damages are allotted to the amount of upwards of \$100,000.

By kind permission of Lieutenant-Colonel Birdwood and Officers, the band of the 10th Bombay Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-night from 8 to 9.30. Programme:—March: "The Royal Engineer," E. Blachton; "The Spanish Beauty," M. Bille; "La Paloma," J. Hartman; "The Toreador," Ivan Caryll; "Gypsy," A. G. Crowe; "God Save the King."

The China Navigation Company, Limited (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, agents), advertise reduced passage rates to Manila. A single saloon passage costs \$20, and a return \$35.

The largest gun ever made in America is being mounted at Sandy Hook for the defence of New York Harbour. The gun, which will cost over \$300,000, has a range of 21 miles with a 16-in. projectile. The gun will be tested under the direction of leading artillery experts, and the test will be witnessed by the military and naval attaches of all the principal Embassies.

In a recent report on the trade of the Regency of Tunis, the British Consul-General states that the consumption of tea is small and the duty is high. The natives consume a certain amount of green tea, but the use of tea among the Europeans is growing rapidly. "Five o'clock tea" is becoming common. At present the French know little of other than China teas at a very high price, 5 francs per half kilo, (3½ lbs. per lb. English) being the usual retail quotation. A development in this trade seems well within the reach of ordinary effort and attention on the part of sellers.

Almeron Sir Marcus Samuel, the Lord Mayor of London, concluded his state visit to Newcastle-on-Tyne on the 29th November with a pleasant ceremony at Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co.'s shipyard, where Lady Samuel launched the *Silverlip*, one of the largest petroleum tankers in the world, designed to fulfil the requirements of the Shell Transport and Trading Company, of which Sir Marcus is chairman. The vessel is 486 feet long, 55 feet broad, and 35 feet draught, and has been built to carry oil cargoes in bulk. Like most of the other tankers of the fleet, she is to be fitted for burning oil fuel.

The Press Association says it is expected that the report of the Shipping Subsidies Committee will, after dealing at length with the evidence, make suggestions which are, broadly speaking, against a general system of subsidies, but that where they are granted precautions should be taken to safeguard the interests of British lines with special conditions as to speed, etc., for utilisation in time of war, that a large proportion of British subjects must be employed among the officers and crew, if the circumstances being controlled by the Government. Points as to light dues, constitution of Boards of Directors and the action of Foreign Powers in relation to the colonies will also be considered in the report.

The bit of dissecting work now being done upon H.M.S. *Wolf* by the committee of eminent physicians whom the Admiralty has appointed to diagnose the weakness of destroyers will cost a considerable sum of money, home papers state. Naval men, says a correspondent, are not unanimously of opinion that the information obtained will be of any great value. In a way, the strains to which a ship is subjected by wave action vary rapidly, and are applied with fluctuating force. But the Destroyer Committee is treating the *Wolf* as though she was a gingerbread vessel, and the manner in which she is laid upon her cradles cannot possibly produce conditions such as would be set up by wave action. Still, reports has it that under the "hogging" done to her in dock the *Wolf* has shown weakness amidships, the place where H.M.S. *Cobra* broke in twain. What we want is a type of destroyer that possesses the speed advantages of the present craft without their weaknesses. The Admiralty recognises that that cannot be got from the present designs, therefore it has set the Committee searching for better ones.

The *Indian Daily News* writes:—"We are informed by a valued correspondent, whose veracity may not be impugned, that no little sensation was caused among the District Staff who attended the evening service at St. Paul's, on November 30, when the General Officer Commanding in Chief received a telegram from the R. I. M. S. *Hardinge* off Sangoor to the following effect:—"Serious mutiny—West Indians." The General was at his wits' end. He had only two companies of European troops in the fort, and was convinced that they would hardly be a match for the "Duke of Wellington's," if the latter were still bent on mischief. It was too late to get down to Sangoor that night, so he anxiously awaited the arrival of the *Hardinge* next morning, going down to the jetty with his Staff Officer, and leaving his two companies in a convenient ambush. As soon as the *Hardinge* got alongside he boarded her with some trepidation, but finding everything serene, congratulated both the officer commanding the regiment and the captain of the vessel on their success in suppressing a dangerous mutiny. "What mutiny?" asked the bewildered officers, and the General produced the telegram. After a while there was great hilarity on the quarter-deck. It appears that the signal at Sangoor was intended to convey the information that there were a certain number of soldiers on board. In giving the signal the signalling officer omitted to run up the flag indicating that the message consisted of numerals. We give the tale as it was told to us and is not a mere, a ben trovato.

CHORAL FESTIVAL.

The second Annual Looisan Choral Festival by the S. John's Cathedral Choir and S. Peter's choir will be held on Tuesday, the 20th January, the music selected being Mendelssohn's beautiful *Lauda Sion* and "Hear my Prayer" and Sullivan's unaccompanied choruses "O Gladsome Light" from the *Golden Legend*. Mrs. Mudie will be the soloist, Mr. A. G. Ward will conduct, and Mr. G. Grimble will be the organist.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.
FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, 8th January, 7.15 p.m.

RENEWED RUSSIAN INTRIGUES
IN COREA.

It is reported from St. Petersburg that M. Waeber, the Russian envoy now at Seoul, has been instructed to induce the Korean Government to send the Crown Prince with a large suite to visit the Tsar; secondly, to prevail on Corea to appoint M. Alexieff the Emperor's chief adviser; and thirdly, to secure the erection of a telegraph line in Northern Corea connecting with the Russian system.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 7th January.

RUSSIA AND GREAT BRITAIN
IN ASIA.

The *Nova Vremya*, commenting on Major Macmahon's mission to Soistan, declares that private disputes between Persia and Afghanistan are no concern of England, and adds that Russia cannot witness the despatch of the mission unopposed.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN IN SOUTH
AFRICA.

Sir Arthur Lawley gave a garden party in honour of Mr. Chamberlain at Pretoria. Lord Milner and Commandants Cronjé, Botha, and De la Rey were present. De Wet was absent.

LONDON, 7th January.

THE DARDANELLES QUESTION.

It is stated in Berlin that Germany has recently informed Russia that she would not participate in any British representations re the Dardanelles, in which question she was not concerned. It is rumored that this action followed on an enquiry addressed to Germany by Great Britain. The newspapers resent the action of Germany, especially in view of the existing co-operation in Venezuela.

PRETORIA.

At representative meetings of the Dutch at Pretoria, the first held since the war, addresses to be presented to Mr. Chamberlain were discussed. Commandants Botha and Schalkbarger deprecated the acrimonious tone of the discussion, pleaded for conciliation and urged the necessity for strengthening the hands of the new Government.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 8th January.
Sir,—It was with no little surprise that I read the account of the special meeting of the Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, held on the 23rd December, and found that, at the end of an interesting, but very far from exhaustive discussion, it was decided not to call a special general meeting to consider the currency question. The Chairman, I see, said:—"To my idea, the chief objection to the Committee calling a general meeting of members is that in all probability no one will come forward with any well-thought-out scheme or proposals, and that the meeting will only result in some general desultory discussion which would not only tend to further matters but would probably be productive of harm, and might create a bad impression. This is a poor complaint to the intelligence of the members of the Chamber, and I should like to ask why they should not be capable of thinking out proposals or discussing otherwise than desultorily the most important question which has ever arisen in connection with the trade between Hongkong and China? My personal opinion may be worthless, but to me what looks likely to do harm and create a bad impression is any attempt to bar the discussion of this question. I appeal, not (I hope) altogether in vain, to those who wish to see this momentous subject openly and fairly dealt, away from the shadow of overwhelming interests, to do what they can to rescue it from being consigned to oblivion. Even if we suppose that no concrete proposals will be formulated by a general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, we shall at least get tangible arguments. The case of the Silverites was ably presented on the 23rd ult., but the other side was apparently overpowered by the talent against them. This is no fair field, and the decision of the Committee is not a correct representation either of the views of the whole Chamber of Commerce or of the commercial community at large.—Yours, etc.
A. A. P.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. steamer *Athenian* arrived at Kote at 2 p.m. on the 8th inst., and left again at 10.30 p.m. same day for Yokohama, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. to-day.
The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Vancouver at 3.30 p.m. on the 8th inst.
The "Barber" Line steamer *Louther Castle*, from Japan, China and Hongkong, arrived at New York on the 4th inst.
The A.L. steamer *Austria* left Singapore for this port on the 6th inst.
The N.Y.K. steamer *Hakata Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 8th inst., p.m., and is expected here on the 14th inst.

CRICKET.

The following will play in the match H.K.C.C. v. the Navy to-day, commencing at 11 a.m.:—
H.K.C.C.—R. E. O. Bird, J. T. Dixon, W. Dixon, Lieut. L. A. Fanshawe, R.A. Capt. P. H. Fawcett, R.A. G. O. Heron, Rev. C. H. Hickling, A. MacKenzie, A. G. Ward, and two others.

The Navy.—Mr. E. W. Fitch, Mr. A. H. B. Bisset, Lieut. E. L. Raymond, R.N.R., Mr. R. H. Carter, Mr. G. A. Cooke, Lieut. C. G. Bird, R.M., Mr. R. B. Garde, Lieut. H. B. Bedwell, R.N., Lieut. M. C. Festing, R.M., Rev. Chas. Moore, and Lieut. F. H. M. Jackson, R.N. Naval Reserve—Lieut. L. C. Lampen, R.M., Mr. H. Constantine, Lieut. D. C. H. Dalrymple, R.N., Lieut. A. N. Gouldsmith, R.N., and Mr. J. Fawcett.

By kind permission of Admiral Grenfell and Officers a cricket match will play from 3 to 5 p.m. A cricket match will take place between Craigengower C.C. and H.M.S. *Crossy* at the Happy Valley to-day, commencing at 2.15 p.m.

A.O.D.C.C. v. "H" CO., S.F.

Played at Happy Valley on Thursday, and resulted in a narrow win for the A.O.D. Appended are the scores:—

A.O.D.C.C.	"H" CO., S.F.
Lillywhite, b Richardson..... 51	51
Bromley, c Kennedy, b Mott..... 45	45
Shinn, c Richardson, b Mott..... 45	45
Heron, b Mott..... 2	2
Woolley, c Barnes, b Richardson..... 4	4
McGibbon, not out..... 11	11
Bradford, not out..... 4	4
Extras..... 4	4
Total (for 5 wickets)..... 132	132
"H" CO., S.F.	
Sainsbury, c Richardson, b Shinn..... 0	0
Richardson, c Shinn, b Bradford..... 0	0
Elms, b Bradford..... 0	0
Enser, b Bradford..... 0	0
Vickers, c and b Shinn..... 2	2
Stone, b Shinn..... 0	0
Kennedy, b Shinn..... 1	1
Briston, b Shinn..... 0	0
Horton, run out..... 15	15
L. Mott, not out..... 13	13
Barnes, b Bradford..... 1	1
Extras..... 11	11
Total..... 51	51

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The committee have decided that the 5th Club Race must be regatta by the one design and 2nd classes on the ground that certain boats were materially prejudiced by the mark boat being near Green Island instead of "off Chung Hing," as it should have been according to the instructions for the race. The objection to the race in the 1st class was withdrawn, so that the result of the original race stands in that class.

The race will be regatta by the one design and 2nd classes to-morrow over course No. 28. One design to start at 1.30 p.m. and 2nd class at 1.40 p.m.

The mark-boat will be placed not more than about half a mile from the South shore of Chung Hing and to the West of Chung Hing Rock.

COMMONPOT'S CUP.

The following are the conditions:—
For yachts that have competed this season in Club races. Three prizes, but not more than one prize to go to one class. To be sailed on Saturday, the 10th and 17th instant, starting from Police Pier, Tsim Sha Tsui, at 2 p.m. Marks will be awarded as in Club races. In the event of a tie a third race will be sailed under the same conditions.

Course.—Round about 1 mile South-West of Covehar, port, 12 miles.

Time limit.—6 p.m.

If insufficient wind to give fair prospect of finishing above course, the following will be substituted by notice posted in the Hongkong Club before noon on the day of the race, and by hoisting a red flag at Police Pier 15 minutes before the race.

Kowloon Rocks, Channel No. 1, Meyer's East Bay, Whi e Bay South-West of East Rocks, Channel Rocks, to starboard, 12 miles.

HANDICAP.

Vernon allows Alannah.....	3 minutes.
Bonita, Colleen, Eliza.....	6 "
Kathleen, Ella.....	6 "
Iris.....	9 "
Maid Marian.....	10 "
Chanticleer, Doreen.....	12 "
Payne.....	19 "

FOOTBALL.

In the match to-day, at 4 p.m., on the Happy Valley between the H.K.F.C. and the V.R.C., the following will play for the Club:—
C.C. Hickling, goal; T. E. Pierce and J. W. C. Bonnar, backs; G. B. Macdonald, C. T. Kew, and B. Kerr, halves; W. R. Lamarchand, F. J. Libeang, C. R. S. Cooper, G. A. Cooke, and another, forwards.

THE REPORTED LOSS OF THE
"CHOW TAI."

VESSEL SAFE.

Apocryphal paragraph in yesterday's issue regarding the feared loss of the *Chow Tai*, a steamer of the North German Orient Line, between Swatow and Hongkong, we are informed that the vessel left Swatow on the 29th ult. and arrived safely in Bangkok on the 4th inst.

POLLARD'S LILLIPUTIANS.

Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Company's season here has been changed somewhat. It has now been definitely decided that the company will perform in Hongkong for a short season of two weeks only, opening on or about the 3rd February, we learn. The first production will be *The Belle of New York*, in which the clever artists scored such a phenomenal success in America—and here, we may add. *Paul Jones*, *La Mascotte*, *Pinafore*, *Gaiety Girl*, &c., will follow in quick succession. We hear on good authority that the company brings a full Filipino operatic orchestra. This will, if possible, add more to the Lilliputians' popularity.

SPORTING NOTES.

The two recent cricket matches, in which the Club met first the Navy and secondly a Naval XI, were curiously contrasted in their results. In the New Year's Day game the Club was dismissed for 146 in the first innings and it looked a good thing for the Navy, but during the holidays anything may be expected and a strong team on paper got out for just over one hundred runs. The three Dixons, W., J. T., and W. E., had a great share in the Club victory. Last Saturday's game, on the other hand, though the Club had seven of the late winning team playing, saw a much weaker Naval side win by 89 runs, scoring more than double the Club's total on the first innings. W. Dixon again played a capital all-round game, but was only supported by the batting of Fan-haw in the first innings and of Fawcett in the second. The Club made a miserable display. To-day they have to meet a team from the Navy, which is very powerful considering the number of ships which have just left the Harbour. On recent form it is anyone's game.

The H.K.F.C., having received its quietus in the very first round of the Association Shield, will have rather a dull season, it is to be feared. To-day the V.R.C. will be met in a friendly game. The latter Club now alone upholds the honour of civilian football in the Shield this season, and in spite of their gallant struggle last year I do not anticipate they will go very far. Shield ties will soon occupy attention again.

The Club Rugbyists, after a glorious victory over the Combined Navy by a goal and a try to nil on Saturday last, came a cropper on Thursday, when the *Albion's* team beat them by 2 goals to a goal and a try. Few better games of Rugby football have been seen for some time in Hongkong than that on the 3rd inst. The Navy was perhaps a little stronger forward, but the Club forwards were good, only packing too loosely. The Club won the game at half and three-quarter back. All the three-quarters were good, and it is hard to discriminate among them. Heath must be mentioned for tackling and all-round play. Paces played in his usual taking style, and Graham and Barnes were both excellent. The halves were capital and Paddy is the man the Club has needed for some time, a really good half. Of the forwards, Clark never played a better game in Hongkong, and Hallifax was of course prominent. The Navy front rank was very good, the halves were weaker than usual, and the three-quarters combined poorly, Pringle being too well marked to do more than represent "the good man struggling against adversity," that sight which the gods are supposed to love. The full backs of both teams played a sterling game.

The Hockey Shield competition is making good progress, though the departure of the *Blenheim*, which I hear is likely to remain North for a considerable spell, rather dislocates the tournament. The *Blenheim* is in the opinion of many the best team in, and it is to be hoped that she will return to conclude her match list. She has won three matches off the reel—from the *Ocean*, *Goliath*, and *Talbot*. The Club has gone very disappointingly of late. Since defeating its own "A" team by no less than 10 goals to nil, it succumbed on Thursday to the *Ocean*, which had previously lost to the *Blenheim*. In the latter match Barnes, who is the Club's most dangerous forward, was taken away by the Rugby football match, and the weakening of the front line was very noticeable. Carter scored a goal, but there was a lamentable lack of pace and smartness among the forwards. All the same the Club was unlucky to lose by 3-1, as 2 of the *Ocean's* goals were at least doubtful. The Club has a chance of retrieving its fortunes, but will have to play a very much better game if it means to win the trophy. Next Thursday it meets the 14th Bombers, who have not played yet, but are reported to be very strong. The Club "A" team meets the *Albion* on Monday. The 10th Bombers have beaten the *Talbot* and look very promising. The two Gunners' teams have not yet started, but they have been practising, and one of them will no doubt furnish a good account of itself. The 33rd Bombers will also begin playing next week, so there will be a good deal of progress to report next Saturday.

On a brick-like ground, as far as the greater part of the Happy Valley links was concerned, the struggle for the Captain's Cup at the Golf Club's January meeting was the reverse of exciting. Though 23 entered, only two players had the temerity to send in their cards, and Mr. C. W. May won with an 86-6 handicap—80. The pool was won by Mr. C. G. Matthew, R.N., with 79 net. The quarterly meeting for the MacEwen, Richardson, and Bogy Cups opened yesterday and concludes on Monday. It has been notified that all "patent" balls are barred in competitions—a wise decision.

It will have been seen that the races for the Commodore's Cup under the auspices of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club begin to-day and continue next Saturday. The conditions appear in another column.

Singapore cricketers are to be commiserated on account of their Christmas performances. Defeats by Penang (by 6 wickets) and Perak (by 115), and in an "A" team match by Malacca are a lot to set off against a defeat of Negri Sembilan, even though this was by an innings and 383 runs. Four Singapore golfers also went over to Penang at Christmas and suffered defeat from a Penang four by 20 holes to 0.

A Christmas football match was played at Chingking between the settlement and the German warship *Seeadler*. The Germans won by 2 goals to 1. It is, I fancy, rather a novelty in China to see a German football team take the field.

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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PAKLING"	On 22nd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DIOMED"	On 28th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CHINGWO"	On 3rd February.

HOMWARDS.		
FOR	STEAMSHIP	DATE
LONDON	"ANTENOR"	On 20th January.
LONDON	"TELEMACHUS"	On 3rd February.
LONDON	"PROMETHEUS"	On 17th February.
LONDON	"DIOMED"	On 3rd March.

LIVERPOOL BERTH.		
FOR	STEAMSHIP	DATE
LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	On 24th January.
LIVERPOOL	"DARDANUS"	On 29th February.

CONTINENTAL BERTH.		
FOR	STEAMSHIP	DATE
MARSEILLES, ANTWERP and AMSTERDAM	"OOPACK"	On 14th January.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.		
FOR	STEAMSHIP	DATE
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via "PAKLING"		On 24th January.

The S.S. "PROMETHEUS" left Singapore on the 3rd inst., and was expected here on the 8th inst.

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Hongkong, 9th January, 1903. [10-13]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMSHIP	DATE
SHANGHAI	"TAIWAN"	On 10th January.
SHANGHAI	"SINGAN"	On 16th January.
MANILA, ILOILO and CEBU	"KAIFONG"	On 17th January.
MANILA	"TAIYUAN"	On 20th January.

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Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [11]

HONGKONG-MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon amidships. Electric Light. Perfect Cuisine. Surgeon carried. All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE
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RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila Direct	On 16th Jan., at Noon.
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DIAMANTE	1980	A. H. Noley		
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty		

For Freight or Passage, apply to **SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.**

Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [17]

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMSHIP	DATE	LEAVING
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TAMSU, VIA SWATOW	"DAIJI MARU"	SUNDAY, 11th January, at 8 A.M.
TAMSU, VIA SWATOW	"DAIJI MARU"	SUNDAY, 18th January, at Noon.
POOCHOW, VIA SWATOW	"ANPING MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 14th January, at Noon.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW	"MAIDZURU MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 21st January, at Noon.

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for first-class passengers, and a daily qualified doctor is carried.

All Steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered the highest class of Lloyd's.

Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoon at the Customs water-front premises at Tam-su to land all passengers and cargo.

By the Co.'s steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading are issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply to Company's local Branch Offices at No. 2, Des Vaux Road Central.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1903. T. ABIMA, Manager. [15]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

(Florio and Rabattino United Companies.)

STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALTAJO.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)

THE Steamship

"ISCHIA,"

Captain Mazio, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 13th inst., at NOON.

At Bombay the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to **CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.**

Hongkong, 8th January, 1903. [4]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX.

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 12th January, 1903, at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship "LAOS," Captain Flaudia, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES, via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSITMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M., on the 11th January. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1902. [2]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"LOONGSANG,"

Captain Weigall, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst., at 1 P.M.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.**

Hongkong, 8th January, 1903. [203]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SALAZIE,"

Captain Aubert, will be despatched for the above ports on or about WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.**

Hongkong, 8th January, 1903. [2]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"HALLARAT,"

Captain F. Summers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for Bombay, on SATURDAY, the 17th January, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to **E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.**

Hongkong, 5th January, 1903. [1]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR RIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT), Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, RANGOON, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to the Brazils, to SOUTH AFRICA, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"SILESTIA,"

Captain Ghezze, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 19th inst., at 2 P.M.

This Steamer has Capital Accommodation for Passengers, Electric Light, and carries a Doctor.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to **SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents, Princess Buildings.**

Hongkong, 9th January, 1903. [3]

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undermentioned GENERAL AGENTS, in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s fortnightly service from CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to **DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents for China and Japan.**

Hongkong, 4th January, 1903. [8]

THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY.

DR. M. H. CHAUN, 33, DES VEAUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG. From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A. Hongkong, 4th March, 1902. [2383]

SIEN TING.

SURGEON DENTIST, No. 10, MACAULAR STREET. TERMS VERY MODERATE. Consultation Free. Hongkong, 22nd September, 1902. [252]

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CARGO.

NEITHER the CAPTAIN, the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any CARGO contracted by the Officers or the Crew of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

DAYLIGHT, British 4-m. barque, James Roade. —Standard Oil Co.

EVIE J. RAY, American barque, F. Carson. —Sander, WIELER & Co.

LOTHAIR, Italian barque, A. M. Schiavino. —Order.

SHIMOSA, British str., E. A. Chaplain. —Doddwell & Co., Ltd.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA. (Florio and Rabattino United Companies.)

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"ISCHIA"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained. Perishable Goods to be taken delivery of immediately.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the steamer's arrival, after which no claims will be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 13th instant, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.**

Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. [4]

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK, STRAITS AND MANILA.

THE Steamship

"GIBALTAR,"

Captain D. Morris, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th inst., at 2.30 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.**

Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. [195]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"TELEMACHUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or loaded at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., in both cases it will be at Consignees' risk.

The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godowns on and after the 7th inst.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

Goods undelivered after the 13th inst. will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 13th inst.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.**

Hongkong, 6th January, 1903. [10]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"CHUSAN"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong Godowns, a Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:— From London, &c., ex s.s. Rome. From Australia, ex s.s. Australia. From Persian Gulf, ex D. I. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Goods not cleared by the 10th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's representative appointed. hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1903. [1]

STEAMSHIP "CALEDONIAN."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s. Dordogne from Bordeaux at s.s. President Leroy Leduc, in connection with above steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, 5th inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after Monday, the 12th inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 12th inst., or they will not be recognised. All damaged packages will be examined on Monday, the 12th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. **G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.**

Hongkong, 5th January, 1903.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENGLYLE"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 14th inst. must be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the steamer's arrival, after which no claims will be recognised.

MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW, Hongkong, 8th January, 1903. [204]

BUDWEISER BEER.

EXTRA PALE LAGER IN CLEAR BOTTLES. OF UNIVERSAL POPULARITY.

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THE BREWERY LOCATED IN THE WORLD.

This Beer is brewed of best Saazer Hops and finest Barley Malt only, and warranted not to contain Chemicals in any form.

The Beer is sterilised after being bottled, and full mature age insures its fine condition in any climate. Beautifully bright, seductively sparkling, and perfectly pure.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO., Sole Agents.

Hongkong, 25th July, 1902. [201]

RIGAUD'S White Violet EXTRACT.

This delicate perfume is persistent as an EXTRACT for the Handkerchief.

The Soap and Toilet Powder are adopted by refined society.

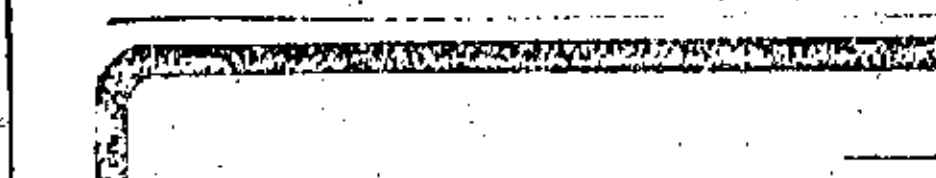
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